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INSPECTION BY THE P. M. G.

What He Saw on His Visits to Hawaii
and Maui.

Improvements in the Postal Service—Progress
of Road Building—Kohala Rain
Makers—A Narrow Escape.

J. Mort Oat, Postmaster General, lately made inspection tours of the islands of Hawaii and Maui, and is about starting off for the rounds of Kauai. He was twenty-five days absent on Hawaii, his land journeys thereon covering about three hundred and forty miles.

In conversation with a BULLETIN man the P. M. G. gave some account of his seeings and doings on both islands. He had an adventure on Maui amounting almost to a hairbreadth escape. Mr. Oat observed the roads, largely with an official eye, also took some note of the crops. Landing at Mahukoua from the steamer Kinau in the first instance, the Postmaster General proceeded thence by train to Kohala.

At Hilo he noticed that the cane was in very bad condition from drought. Approaching Niihau it made a better appearance. When Mr. Oat was in the district the planters were preparing to bombard the clouds with dynamite to procure rain. The mode is to send up a seven-foot kite, on the string of which a "messenger," bearing twelve sticks of dynamite, is hoisted into the cloud region. A time fuse lighted on dispatching explodes the charge, producing concussion of the air that crystallizes the moisture and brings it down in rain drops.

Going on to Waimea the Postmaster General found the new road more than half completed. It is partly on the lines of the old road, and when finished a stage line will be feasible through to Kohala. C. Kaiser has a line now running from Kawaihae to Honokaa and Kukuiahae. Mr. Oat went overland from Hana to Hilo. The new road is completed through the terrible Kawaihae gulch. Through the Laupahoehoe gulch it was finished on one side, when Mr. Oat was there, and work was progressing on the other. Wilson & Whitehouse, builders of the new Pali road on Oahu, are the contractors for this even more formidable work on Hawaii. E. W. Barnard, the man of various offices including postmaster, has built a new store at the foot of the new road in Laupahoehoe gulch, so as to bring his trade into convenient touch with the changed route.

Mr. Oat found much progress had been made in road making on the island since his last previous visit, and an immense improvement of the routes since four years ago. Soon after the next session of the Legislature there will be a road through the big Maulua gulch—one of the terrors of the island—and then one can drive clear through from Kau to Hilo. There is a daily stage now from Hilo to Hakalau, and mails by the steamer Mauna Loa, touching ports on the leeward side of the island, are now sent as far as that point on the windward side.

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The Postmaster-General, in answer to a question, said he was gratified at the absence of complaints everywhere. "I found no kick coming. The people seemed satisfied with the frequency of the mails. I propose to have the mails rushed both ways between Pualuu and Hilo, so that people at both ends will have the advantage of the two steam lines. Last mail sent across was twelve hours faster than ever before. The contractor wanted to interpret the new arrangement to require rushing mails only toward Hilo and beyond, but I insisted on having the mails by the Kinau rushed in the opposite direction as well. If the present contractor will not do it, another is ready to take up the service and carry it out in accordance with the new requirements."

With regard to changes made at Hilo, Mr. Oat mentioned the opening of the general delivery for letters before the distribution of papers to box holders. He did not consider it right that people who had come perhaps ten or fifteen miles should be kept waiting for their letters until the town people had been served with their newspapers. Another thing he had changed was the keeping open of a bag for receiving mail matter, to be sent aboard a steamer by the last boat without having the contents handled by the postoffice. It was ordered that the outward mail must close half an hour before the sailing of a steamer, a quarter of an hour being added when departure is from Waiakea beach.

Mr. Oat received no request for additional postal savings bank offices in the Kona districts. Mr. August, postmaster at Holualoa, did not think there was enough business to warrant the addition at present. Kailua is a savings bank and money order office. With the development of the country, by the coffee industry and new roads, the savings and money order branches will probably have to be extended to other offices.

The Postmaster General only remained in town a few days after his return from Hawaii when he went to Maui. Landing at Lahaina in a terrific rain squall, he accomplished his inspection there and thence proceeded to Hana. The steamer Helene carried him there, whence he went on horseback to Kipahulu. Crossing a gulch flooded by the heavy rains, Mr. Oat's horse went almost out of sight under water. The rider received a bad wetting, his boots being filled with water, but he was glad to escape with his life. It was at this place that a carrier lately had his local mails washed off his mount and carried to sea.

Although there were no complaints there, Hana on Maui, like Kohala on Hawaii, causes the Postmaster General much concern. He would like to do better for the district, small though its population is, but at present the only way to get foreign and city mail to Hana is by the weekly Claudine route. The steamer Kinau every ten days takes the mail for the whole of Hawaii, and between her trips the steamer Mauna Loa serves the country from Kailua right round through Hilo to Hakalau. Before very long with the new roads, the P. M. G. hopes, the Mauna Loa will carry mails for all of Hawaii.

When Mr. Oat took office the overland carriers, by way of the Volcano House, only carried letter mail between Hilo and Kau. He very soon changed this, first adding local papers and then the foreign paper mail. Maui and Hawaii have for some time had a complete five days' service from Honolulu to the principal points on Maui and Hawaii. Every opportunity is seized by the Postmaster General to forward mails between the trips of the regular passenger liners. Sometimes the steamer managements neglect to notify him, as they are expected

THE ART LEAGUE TONIGHT

List of Exhibitors and Outline of
Their Best Work.

Paintings in All Keys—Wautke's Ideals—
Hitchcock's Air Studies—Hawaiian Effects
—Modelling and China Painting.

The first view of the Autumn exhibition of the Kiloana Art League will take place at 8 o'clock this evening. All of the exhibits have been hung and the League parlors have been made ready for the reception. The exhibitors and principal studies are as follows:

D. Howard Hitchcock, sixteen pieces, studies in plein art effects. Philip Dodge, eight marines. Miss French, six studies, the best of which is a lily pond in strong colors.

Mrs. Augusta Graham, six pieces, the chief exhibit being a plaster cast entitled "Above the Hedge Line."

Mrs. Kelly exhibits six paintings, the most notable of which is a large study of Hawaiian flower girls.

Miss A. Parka has two Hilo studies. Miss R. Nolte exhibits several China paintings.

Mrs. Anita Foske's work is in China paintings from wood carvings, and is all quite pleasing.

Miss J. Wores adds some wood carvings to the collection.

C. Wautke, the visiting artist, has a side exhibit of Oriental and California scenery. His work is a good illustration of the Munich school of painting, and is what the French would call heavy.

Mrs. Dacota has two bits of Hawaiian scenery.

Mrs. W. C. Weedon contributes three studies of Island plants.

C. W. Dickey's exhibit this year consists of one water color study.

Miss Bessie Afong displays a charming pastel, a group of lemon shaped guavas.

Mr. Hitchcock strikes a high key in a delicate air effect which occupies a central position in his exhibit. It will undoubtedly attract a great deal of attention.

Each member of the League may take a friend to the reception this evening.


The Reservoir is Leaking.

Residents of the Punchbowl neighborhood are again alarmed about the reservoir, which is full of water above their heads. A well marked leak is now traceable on the floor of Lishman's quarry, and if blasting be continued it is feared that the reservoir will open out at the bottom. The department has the matter in hand, however, and thinks there is no cause for alarm.

Judge Barnard in Town.

Judge E. W. Barnard arrived by the Lehua late yesterday from Laupahoehoe and is quartered at the Arlington hotel. He came down to meet his mother who will return by the Alameda on Thursday from a visit to relatives in the States.

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APPRAISERS APPOINTED.

J. G. Waibel Declines to Accept the
Position of Deputy Appraiser.

The Cabinet on Saturday finally decided to appoint E. R. Folsom as Customs Appraiser and J. G. Waibel his deputy.

Mr. Folsom resided in the Islands a number of years ago and has recently returned. When here he lived mostly on the island of Hawaii. He is said to be fully qualified by business experience to hold the position.

Everybody knows Jack Waibel, who has been appointed deputy appraiser. He was for years with the firm of T. H. Davies & Co. and recently has been the local representative of J. C. Nohman & Co. and other Coast firms. He would have made an affable and popular addition to the Custom House force had he accepted the position offered him, but this morning he declined it and announced his intention of leaving for San Francisco on the Australia next Wednesday, with the intention of returning in January to take up his permanent residence.

DAWSON CITY OR BUST.

Billy Eassie of Kenia Has a Big Alaska
Scheme On.

"Billy" Eassie has Klondikeitis and has it bad. With him it is "Alaska or bust," and he means business. Eassie has figured the thing all out and he knows just what he is doing. He knows exactly where his claim lies and, approximately, how many millions there are in it. The only drawback is that he is not on the ground, but he will fix that up by crossing the Chilkoot in April next.

Eassie is an old miner and his methods will be practical. He will take with him the first essential article—money. Besides his own fortune, numerous friends have "chipped in" \$500 each for investment in the Alaskan hills. A firm in San Francisco is constructing machinery upon lines laid down by Mr. Eassie for use in the mines. The Hawaiian prospector will take it up with him when he goes.

New Fire Station Completed.

The concrete flooring in the new Central fire station was finished this morning. Contractor Patzig is also about through with the stalls. The house will be turned over to the department this week. It will take several days to complete the work of paving on the outside. Chief Hunt expects to occupy the building during the last week of this month.

Detectives After Harry Miller.

American detectives have been placed on the track of Harry Miller, the missing man from Honolulu. The latest telegraphic information makes it appear doubtful that he was in the wreck on the Denver and Rio Grande, and his friends now believe that he has met with some other mishap. At any rate they will leave no stone unturned to find out what has become of him.

Encouraging for Investors.

Manager Ahrens had 500 acres of cane planted on Oahu plantation by Saturday night. An expert at Ewa mill said yesterday, giving figures in proof, that the Oahu would have 10,000 tons of sugar for market next year—that is the 1898-9 season.

Kaialani's First Reception.

Nearly a thousand natives called upon the Princess Kaiulani during Saturday. David Kawananakoa and Edward Lilikalaui stood with the young lady during the reception. There was no luau, and the affair was informal and quite simple.

STUNG BY A CENTIPEDE

Henry Congdon Has a Close Call on
Friday Night.

His Head and Face Swollen and Great Toe
Big Enough to Wear a
Separate Shoe.

Henry Congdon, the Hotel street wine dealer, was terribly stung by a large centipede Friday night. For forty-eight hours after the occurrence the top of his head and the left side of his face were swollen almost beyond recognition, and one of his great toes was twice as large as it should have been.

Congdon was asleep in his bed in his room near Punchbowl, when he was rudely awakened by a feeling of intense pain in his head. He roused himself to find the left side of his face swelling rapidly and stinging in a way to drive him almost to distraction. The veins on that side were swelled out like whips and throbbed violently.

Springing out of bed he struck a light, made a hasty examination and found that he had been stung twice, by what was evidently a centipede, on the top of the head. Some convenient lotion was applied to the wounds, and Mr. Congdon then made a thorough search for his little enemy. But the latter kept out of sight and could not be found.

After an hour the man returned to his bed. He had no sooner tucked himself up well than he was sharply stung again on one of his great toes. Throwing the coverlet aside a centipede nearly six inches long was disclosed. It was immediately dispatched and, on account of its great size, was bottled for preservation.

Mr. Congdon has since suffered intensely. His physician found that the poison had permeated his whole system. Medicine could do little good, and nature has been relied on for the most part, to throw off the poison. He is much easier today and is on a high road to early recovery.

Wheelmen's Reception Tonight.

This is the evening of the great wheelmen's reception at the Y. M. C. A., given to the visiting riders and all who competed in the races at Cyclomere park. All wheelmen are invited. Among the attractions will be: An exhibition by Tribby Fowler, songs by the Young Men's Glee Club, fancy clubswinging, selections by the Quintet club and an exhibition of the best wheels offered for sale on this market.

Hammer on Murray Hill.

Captain T. B. Murray is making extensive alterations and improvements about his fine Panahou premises. The large rear veranda has been enclosed and added to the room of the big house. In addition to this the building has been overhauled and neatly painted, which greatly improves its appearance and increases its value.

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